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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

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**adopting a National programme on Iceland under the IPA -Transition Assistance and
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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)¹, and in particular Article 14(2)(a) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 lays down the objectives and main principles for pre-accession assistance to candidates and potential candidates.
- (2) In accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006, the assistance should be provided through multi-annual or annual programmes. These programmes should be drawn up in accordance with the general policy framework referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 and the relevant multi-annual indicative planning document referred to in Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (3) The Commission has adopted on 8 April 2011 a multi-annual indicative planning document 2011-2013 for Iceland² which presents indicative allocations for the main priorities for pre-accession assistance to Iceland.
- (4) Therefore, and having regard to the project proposals submitted by Iceland, the IPA National Programme under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2012 aims at providing assistance for building administrative capacity for *acquis* transposition and implementation and preparation for effective use of Structural Funds and other EU funds.
- (5) This Decision meets the requirements of Article 90 of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation No 1605/2002³ (hereafter: “Implementing Rules”) and constitutes thus a Financing Decision within the meaning of Article 75 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities⁴ (hereafter: “Financial Regulation”).

¹ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 82.

² C(2011)2374

³ OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1

⁴ OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p.1

- (6) The Commission shall implement the budget on a centralised basis, in accordance with the provisions set out in Articles 53 (a) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.
- (7) It is appropriate to authorise grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex and for the reasons provided therein.
- (8) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 90(4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.
- (9) The measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the IPA Committee.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Iceland National Programme under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component for 2012, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

This programme shall be implemented by centralised management. It shall be implemented by means of a Financing Agreement to be concluded between the Commission and the Government of Iceland in conformity with the Framework Agreement concluded between the same parties on 08 July 2011.

Article 2

The maximum amount of European Union contribution shall be **EUR 11,997,400**, to be financed through Article 22.02.01 of the general budget of the European Union for 2012.

Article 3

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex, in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Article 4

Cumulated changes to the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 are not considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 90(4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programme.

Done at Brussels, 16.7.2012

*For the Commission,
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Member of the Commission*